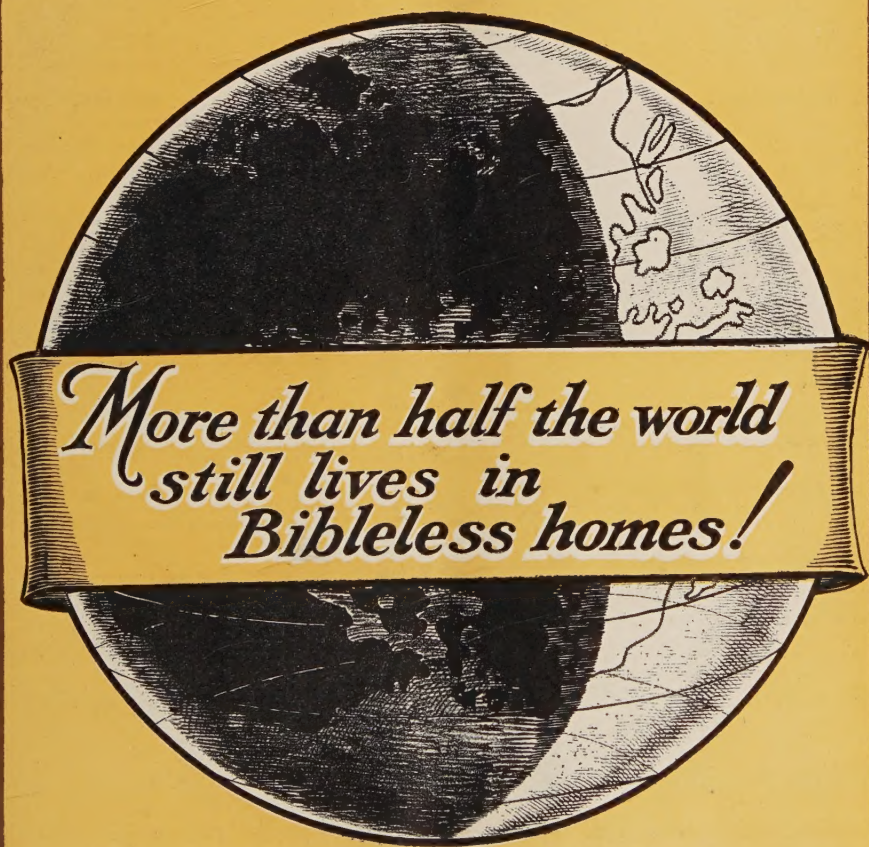


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First Impressions and Experiences

By the Rev. Robert H. Milligan, D.D., Secretary, Upper Andes Agency

YESTERDAY I arrived in Lima, after spending several weeks in Bolivia. The journey from Lima to La Paz is interesting. First, one travels two days by sea to Mollendo; then eighteen hours by railroad. The latter is a triumph of engineering skill. It traverses an area of stupendous mountains, absolutely destitute of vegetation; cruel, unfriendly, and repellant in their bareness. Up steepest grades we climb, our engine panting as if it would burst, until we cross the Cordilleras at the amazing altitude of 14,600 feet. The next stage of our journey is twelve hours by steamer across Lake Titicaca, 13,500 feet high, where one is not unlikely to run into a tropical snowstorm. Then four hours by railroad, and one arrives in La Paz, the largest city in Bolivia.

Most people are seriously affected by the extreme altitude. The slightest exertion leaves one gasping for breath, and for several days one suffers from a deathly coldness. During this time I wore the heaviest winter clothing, with overcoat; but I could not get warm. I spent one night in a hotel where I occupied a room in which there happened to be two beds. Each bed was well provided with covers, but I put on one bed all the covers of both; and I confess to you that even then I took off nothing but my hat! In a few days, however, I was comfortably warm, and suffered no more from cold.

In Bolivia

The Bolivians have a larger admixture of Indian blood than the Peruvians. They are very

poor. In the cities nearly every house has a "tienda" or shop, on the first floor, in which they all seem to have the very same things for sale, and to be expecting to sell them to each other. One is reminded of the celebrated village in which the people sought a comfortable existence by taking in each other's washing.

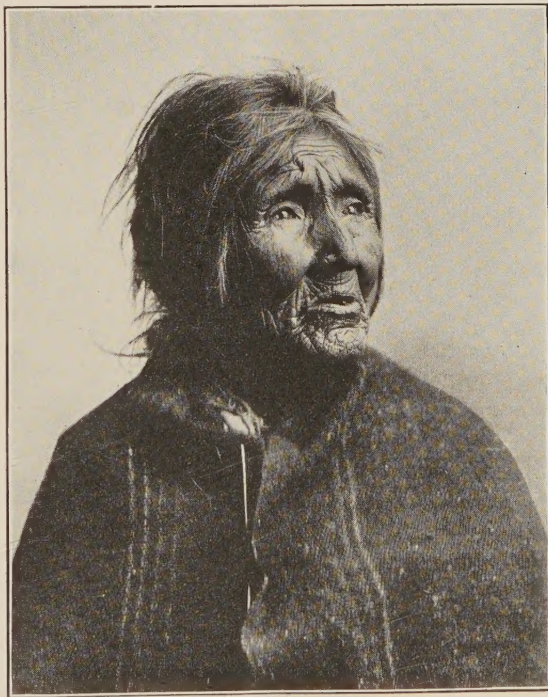
Their poverty is due largely to their incredibly primitive methods of agriculture; methods of plowing and planting and threshing and winnowing, that carry the mind back to the early history of Israel, to a time not later than that so vividly portrayed in the Book of Judges. I doubt whether life or property is much more secure in Bolivia than in those primitive times of ancient history.

Upon my arrival in La Paz I was warmly welcomed by Mr. H. C. McKinney, the able superintendent of the work of the American Bible Society in Bolivia. For the next two weeks, day and night, I had the delightful companionship of Mr. McKinney; and, utter stranger that I was, and so far away from everything familiar, it

was most welcome and enjoyable.

After a few days in La Paz, we went together to Cochabamba, a journey of a day and a night by railroad. Cochabamba has a population of about 25,000, and is situated in the midst of a wide and populous valley, the best agricultural part of Bolivia. The altitude of Cochabamba is 8,000 feet, and the climate is nearly ideal; somewhat like that of California.

Life in this valley is typically Bolivian. The people live in small towns and villages. Much



AN INDIAN WOMAN OF BOLIVIA

of the work on the surrounding farms is done by the Indians, who live on the farms while the owners live in the villages. The Indians are bought and sold with the land, just as live stock



REV. H. S. HILLYER
Three weeks after he was stoned

is bought and sold, and have no will in the matter. This is really slavery, by whatever name it may be called.

As one leaves the cities for the smaller towns and villages, one discovers an appalling affinity for dirt. It is surprising, but true, that in the matter of cleanliness the savages of Central Africa surpass the Bolivians—all except the higher classes, and they are

not numerous. I lived extensively on boiled eggs. But eggs were not always obtainable, and at other times—well, I thanked Heaven for our Lord's saying that it is not that which entereth into the mouth that defileth a man.

The Stoning of the Rev. H. S. Hillyer

The morning after our arrival in Cochabamba we called on the Rev. H. S. Hillyer, of the Canadian Baptist Mission, who, on Monday of the preceding week, had been stoned together with his native assistant, after holding a service in a town named Toca, some twenty miles beyond Cochabamba. We found Mr. Hillyer in a serious condition, though apparently on the way to recovery. However, it is doubtful whether he will wholly recover from the nervous shock. His assistant, a most godly old man, was in worse condition. He lay in bed unable to move, with several ribs broken and in great pain.

After hearing Mr. Hillyer's story, we visited Toca, where the outrage occurred. We verified the story in details, and saw the "beata," or holy woman, who had incited the mob. Mr. Hillyer was visiting Toca for the first time, on the invitation of a resident of the place, who had offered his home in which to hold a service, as a Protestant service could not be held publicly. Mr. Hillyer first called at the doors of

the houses and shops that surround the central plaza, distributing carefully chosen tracts, at the same time announcing the service and inviting the people to attend. This particular woman and her daughter were sitting in their doorway, and when Mr. Hillyer spoke to her, she reviled him and told him repeatedly that, if he dared to hold the service, "blood would flow." Meantime, the daughter, a girl of about sixteen years, snatched the tract from his hand and tearing it in pieces, threw it in his face.

Mr. Hillyer, of course, held the service as announced. Afterward, when they came out into the plaza, this woman had gathered together a number of kindred spirits of her own class, which was decidedly the "better class" of the town. They proceeded to ring the church bells, as is done in emergencies to call the Indian peons from the farms. The Indians, incited by the women, pursued the two men out of the town. Their weapons were stones, which they used with great skill, and the ground was covered with them—stones of all sizes. Bruised from head to feet and covered with blood, both men at length fell to the ground, where they lay unconscious. The Indians desisted only because they thought them dead or dying. As soon as they turned back, a friend came and took care of the two men and carried them to the railroad. Thence they were taken home to Cochabamba.

Behind this outrage was the Roman Catholic Church and her priests. Think of church bells being rung to call men to commit murder! The attention of the local authorities and the higher authorities has been called to this affair, which was a plain violation of the law; but all of them seem afraid to act for fear of the priests. The fact that the priests urge the people to violence as a duty is seldom concealed. I know a town which not long ago two missionaries visited for the first time. After they had retired for the night, the priests harangued the people and told them that it would be a disgrace to the town if those Protestants were allowed to leave it alive.



A BOLIVIAN WOMAN
"of the better class"

Friends of the men secretly hastened to tell them, and since they had already accomplished their work, they quietly arose and left the town.

It is not that the Protestant missionaries make a practice of attacking the Roman Catholic Church or its priests. As a matter of fact, they are invariably careful not to do this. But then, the bearing of their religious and moral teaching upon a corrupt church and a degraded priesthood is evident. How corrupt and how degraded, the people of the United States, whether Catholic or Protestants, have never imagined. Besides, and above all, the Protestants bring the Bible to the people, and this is the unpardonable offence. Everywhere the people are taught that the Bible is the worst of all books, the devil's book, so bad that it is not safe to have one in the house over night. In the same spirit, earthquakes and hurricanes, drought and diseases, are attributed to the anger of God against the people for tolerating the presence of Protestants, or for reading the Bible. The priestly dread of the Bible resembles the terror of Mephistopheles at the sight of the Cross, in *Faust*.

In going to Toca we left the train at Cliza and went the remaining three miles in a bus. In this same bus was a woman, who evidently lived in Toca; a woman of the higher class to which the "beata" who incited the mob to violence also belonged. With her in the bus were a friend and two servants. They traveled from Cochabamba on the same train with ourselves, and since Mr. McKinney had distributed tracts and Testaments on the train, they knew who we were. When this woman saw us getting into the bus, her face suddenly assumed an expression of fear and hostility that was positively murderous. In violent protest she climbed out of the bus, taking her friend with her, and also ordered her servants out.

Incidents Related by Mr. Wintersteen

One of the best colporteurs in Bolivia, Mr. Carl Wintersteen, a young American missionary, of whom we have every reason to be proud, a man of devout spirit, good judgment, and most attractive personality, traveled on the way back with us from Cochabamba to La Paz. Mr. McKinney had spoken of Mr. Wintersteen in such generous praise, that I was delighted to meet him and to spend this day with him. Of the interesting incidents related by Mr. Wintersteen, I have space only for one or two.

In the village of Tacopaya he sold a Gospel to a woman. Returning to her house a little later, he found the book burning in a pot in the street. The priest had done this, after persuading her that it was a "bad book." The missionary snatched the book out of the fire,

and having wiped it off, began to read aloud from the remaining portion. The woman was afraid even to listen to it; but in Bolivia women are curious, and curiosity overcame fear; so she

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listened. Before long she exclaimed: "Why, that is not bad; that is good, very good. Give me the book. I shall keep it." The moral sense may be degraded in these people, but it is not dead.

A woman school-teacher in the town of S—— found a New Testament in the possession of one of the pupils. She took it from him and told the school that it was a very bad book, and that, if they should read it, they would be "lost souls," doomed to endless torment. Not long after this incident, during vacation she went to visit in a village where a certain man, who was a cousin of hers, resided. The man had been a good-for-nothing drunkard, one whom drink had brutalized until he had become a nuisance. To her astonishment she found him completely changed. At length, before leaving the village, she asked him the secret of the change. He told her that it was due entirely to the Bible, of which he had obtained a copy which he regularly read. More astonished than ever, the school-teacher went secretly to one of our colporteurs and asked for a Bible, that she might read it for herself.

On one occasion Mr. Wintersteen visited a certain village in the general district of Oruro. A young man of some education, who was employed as an electrician in one of the neighboring mines, hearing of Mr. Wintersteen's visit,

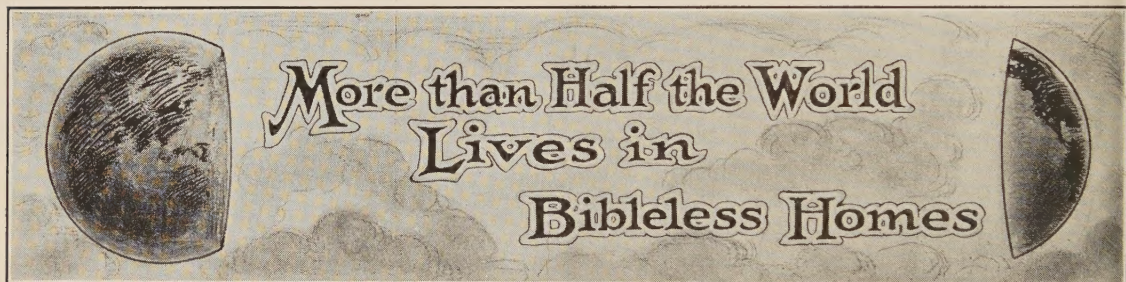
came in eager search of him and asked for Bibles. Years before this, when he was a school-boy he had somehow obtained a Bible; but the teacher took it from him and burned it. He never saw a Bible again until he was a soldier in the army at the age of nineteen. He had then obtained a copy and had kept it until he returned to his home town to live. He read it to his people, and he and a number of others became Protestants without knowing the name. Mr. Wintersteen, upon visiting the town, found it even as the young man had said. So the Bible is often the missionary that goes first and goes furthest.

And success comes sometimes where least expected. On Sunday evening in Cochabamba I attended service in the beautiful little church of the Canadian Baptist Mission. The preacher

who was taking the place of the disabled Mr. Hillyer, was none other than an ex-priest recently converted. His conversion was due to a tract put into his hand by an elderly American woman, a retired missionary, living in Cochabamba. The tract had stirred him to such an extent that he resolved to read and study the Bible for himself; and this resulted in his conversion. His family and relatives are disgraced and heart-broken, but pleadings and cursings, and lavish bribes offered by the church on condition of his "returning to the fold"—all alike have failed to move him.

Bolivia is a hard field, difficult beyond imagination, but as needy as it is difficult, and I doubt if anywhere in the world can be found more earnest, devout and saintly Christians than the Bolivian converts.

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Universal Bible Sunday, 1927*

THE illustration on the cover of this issue is a reproduction of the attractive poster prepared for the use of churches observing Universal Bible Sunday this year. The poster is lithographed in three colors and will, we believe, win much favorable attention for the Bible cause and for the American Bible Society as its instrument.

The literature provided this year is of an unusually helpful character. The brochure for the use of pastors and other speakers, entitled "The Bible and the Home," is a gripping presentation of a great and timely theme. Pastors will be tempted to present its contents complete, and certainly liberal quotations will be made.

The four-page circular for general distribution, printed in two colors, emphasizes the duty and the privilege of giving the Book such wide circulation, that it may change Bibleless houses into Bible homes the world around. All the literature provided for the day is given freely. Bible Sunday is observed, not to raise money, but to exalt the Bible and to emphasize anew its place and power in the world's redemption.

*December 4th is the Sunday designated. But uniformity in date is not essential.

For New Starts in Old Homes

IT was amazing to read a few weeks ago that in the area devastated by the Mississippi floods of last summer, there were still some 45,000 people who were dependent upon the Red Cross for daily food. Thousands more have, of course, returned to the sometimes sad and always difficult, process of making new starts under overburdening difficulties. From scores of such homes and from those who are seeking to reestablish the spiritual ministries of the damaged churches, come appeals for Bibles particularly for Bibles containing pages for the family record, in order that the Book of Books may be speedily restored to its place in the household, and the family record be again entered while the old and damaged records are still in mind.

For this purpose, the Society is issuing 3,500 well-bound Brevier Bibles with Family Record especially inserted. Owing to the destitute circumstances of many of the families, the distribution of these will have to be without financial return. It has only been made possible by additional gifts to the Society, more of which are needed, as this year's budget for grants is already very low.

From France

A New Venture

FOR the first time since the Reformation, according to our information, one of the largest secular French publishing houses has undertaken to distribute a New Testament to the public. The publisher, Bernard Grasset, Paris, expects to have copies ready for the Christmas trade.

A sample page of this issue, made possible in a large measure by a donation of the American Bible Society toward the publication costs, has just been received at the Bible House. The officers of the Bible Society of France, at whose instigation the experiment is being made, felt that an edition of the New Testament in the format of secular French books, and handled by book concerns not specializing in religious works, would attract new readers and give impetus to the propagation of the gospel in France. It is almost impossible to find Bibles on sale in France in general bookstores.

The new edition, called the Library edition, will have about 550 pages and will be bound in ordinary paper covers, with a wood engraving on the outside. The text is that of the Synod's version, which has been revised recently. The book will sell for about 75c. A special, limited, de luxe edition of this Testament will be printed on Japanese or Holland paper. University professors in Paris or elsewhere, recognizing the value of Bible study to the younger generation, have written to the Bible Society of France of the interest with which they awaited the new publication. It is expected that in those countries where French culture is eagerly welcomed—the Balkans, Turkey, Egypt, etc.—this edition also will attract many readers.

While France will have but this one commercial publishing house printing the Scriptures, it is worthy of note that in the United States and Great Britain, where the great Bible Societies issue the Scriptures by the million, there are nearly a dozen commercial houses publishing the Bible as a profitable business undertaking.

Gospel Reading Campaign

A LETTER describing the help which the Society is ready to give in the promotion of the reading of a chapter a day in the Gospel of Matthew during January and in the Gospel



COMMANDANT
BERTRAND
when a Captain in
the Chasseurs Alpins
in the war.

Friendly Words

IN accepting election as an Honorary Life Member of the American Bible Society, Commandant Georges Bertrand, secretary of the Bible Society of France, expressed his appreciation gracefully and gratefully in the following words:

It is with all my heart that I accept this nomination, and let me add that I am deeply touched at this token of your confidence and esteem. I am indebted for this honor, first of all, to the Bible Society of France, of which I have the privilege of being the secretary, and to which you have lent support with such generosity through all the years; and then to the memory of my beloved father, who also bore with great pride the title of Honorary Life Member of your Society. Believe me, gentlemen, I shall endeavor as in the past to labor unceasingly in the distribution of the Word of God.

And in this connection let me evoke a remembrance of the past which I cherish.

I have had the honor of serving under your flag, and I am enrolled as a member of the Student Officers Association of the Fort Sheridan Training Camp. I love your country very dearly. On the 4th of last July, at the Palais d'Orsay in Paris, we celebrated Independence Day, as we do every year, under the auspices of the American Chamber of Commerce. Byrd and Chamberlain, your aviators, were there. And the memory of Lindbergh was still with us too. Our demonstrations were sincere, I assure you. And while listening to the speech of your ambassador, it was pleasant to me, indeed, to feel that I was allied to the destinies of the United States of America by a new relationship, that which you had bestowed upon me in calling me one of your "family." I can, therefore, include in one and the same affection your country and the work which we both so ardently serve. * * *

On July 10, we celebrated at Noyon the laying of the cornerstone of the Calvin Museum. The ceremony was presided over by the mayor of Noyon and by the president of the Historical Society of French Protestantism, Mr. John Vienot, from whom you have had a word as the author of the History of the Reformation. The ceremony was a stirring one. I represented the Bible Society of France. And please note that I took the liberty of signing the parchment leaf that was sealed in the stone, as a delegate of the Bible Society of France and member of the American Bible Society. I desired that your Society should have a part with us in this celebration. I hope that you will not disapprove of my action.

of John during February is being sent to pastors in many parts of the United States. The Society will appreciate having the readers of the RECORD call the attention of their pastors to this matter. Copies of the letters will be furnished to any requesting them.

The Gospel Tide in Brazil

By Frederick C. Glass*

TOGETHER with two companions—Gillanders of Auckland, and Antão of the Amazon—I have just returned home from about the best three weeks' work in my life. It was a miniature evangelistic campaign in a remote corner of one of these northern states of Brazil, where the living gospel had never before been preached, but where faithful Bible colportage has been accomplished during the last two years; and never has the supreme value of this work had better exemplification. We covered over five hundred miles, held twelve meetings in five different places, averaging about one hundred and fifty persons at each; yet not a rough, harsh word was heard through-

we crashed into a forest and got badly twisted up, and how we got the car to go again so soon after was a wonder!

Yes, traveling was hard and heavy; for roads in central Brazil are yet in a very primitive condition, and there were many anxious moments when one thought wistfully of our troop of steady, sure-footed mules. But the results were worth it all. The Ford justified its existence on this trip, if ever it did.

Our main objective was the little town of Tavares, the home of our faithful trooper and colporteur Antão, whom I met twelve years ago 2,000 miles up the Amazon. His conversion on that occasion, and subsequent faithful life

"A DEPUTATION

who waited on us last week: five Carijo Redskins, in the Gospel Ford. We have started a gospel school among them with only Scriptures for textbooks."—

A correspondent.



out, and many were manifestly moved by the power of the gospel.

Hard and Heavy Traveling

We traveled in our Ford car, and surely never were the virtues of that classic vehicle so roughly tested as on this journey. The roads in places were almost impracticable even to ox-carts, with steep and multiboulder-strewn roads which strained every bolt and rivet of the car, and burnt out all our brakes at critical stages of descent, where any little extra bump or swerve would have hurled us down a precipice. My two companions had a hard time pushing and pulling the car in bad places, or carrying the luggage up the steeper hills; and many a chilly feeling they had too, with my immature handling of the same in dangerous spots. Once

and testimony, had wonderfully impressed his townsfolk, and many an invitation I had had to visit them.

We found the people of all classes most friendly and open, and held four excellently attended gospel services in the principal houses of the place, as well as an impressive open-air meeting on the Sunday afternoon. Many were convinced and well disposed, and three of them made open confession of faith. Then we took horse and rode further inland, where even our valiant Ford dared not go.

An Unexpected Opportunity

Our next meeting was a hastily arranged and quite unexpected one. Passing a prosperous-looking farmhouse by the roadside, I was surprised to see the farmer himself, a fine, powerfully built man, stretched out on a couch under a shady tree, while he superintended

* A correspondent of the Brazil Agency, and author of "Through the Heart of Brazil."

the work of his men. He looked a very sick man, suffering, I believe, from cancer of the stomach. It seemed a natural thing to stop for a while and speak to him of the good hope, followed by a word of prayer on his behalf. Deeply impressed, the farmer requested us to hold a meeting in the farmhouse, which contained an unusually spacious room. The service commenced at six o'clock, and very rapidly, but quietly, the farm hands and neighbors from miles around slipped into the room, until about one hundred and twenty men and women were present, all breathlessly silent and attentive. I preached on the Prodigal Son, and one felt that the truth was going home to many a heart. This was immediately followed by a lantern address on Bible subjects, and concluding with Pilgrim's Progress. All so very new, strange, and undreamt of it was to

furious relatives. He is now in Tavares, standing firm—awaiting God's guiding hand.

Four miles beyond the sick man's house, we pulled up at another farmhouse, where we found some fifty people who had been patiently awaiting our arrival for over two hours, while some had gone away. This second meeting lasted till nearly midnight, and many another wayfaring man crept in during that time and heard the strange Good News. The quiet attention was evident as at the earlier meeting.

At Princeza

Sixteen miles to the west of Tavares there is a prosperous and attractive little city called Princeza (Princess), and the political chief of the place—a man of great weight and authority in all that part of Brazil—was anxious for us to visit his city, where the gospel had never

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the far greater part of the audience, and when the meeting concluded at 8:30, nobody seemed eager to get away, and everybody began to talk. The crowd was great and the noise was greater; but, above it all, I soon heard of one who was anxious to settle the matter with God right there and then, in spite of the opposition of some others present. He was the local schoolmaster, a man of about twenty-five. Coming to me through the press with a white face and trembling body, he asked what he should do to be saved. Right there in the midst of the crowd, we knelt down together on the bare earth floor, and he simply and sincerely accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour. Ten minutes later we were speeding on our way in the intense darkness of that night, with only the stars to light our uncertain steps. A few days after we heard that the schoolmaster had been practically driven out of the place by his

been preached. On arriving there, we were warmly welcomed by this gentleman, who, besides being a state deputy, is a man of real character, great initiative, and immense moral and physical courage. At once he put the big local schoolhouse at our disposal for meetings, and Gillanders and I canvassed the city with invitations and tracts.

Passing through the central market place, I noticed the town priest, seated in the shade of some trees, and, approaching him courteously, I bowed, complimented him, and asked after his health. The priest was manifestly ill at ease, and very pale; but, ere he could reply to my greeting, I seated myself in an empty chair by his side, and continued the conversation in a studiously casual manner. I discussed the beauty and progress of the town, the weather, and (the inevitable topic) the local bandit—but never a word said he, only too

well aware that the curious eyes of half the city were turned upon him.

When I remarked that we lived in evil times, the priest pulled himself together somewhat, and glancing up at me from under his dark eyebrows, and with rather a sinister look on his pale face, he remarked, "Yes, very dangerous times indeed, even for us who live in this city; how much more for those who come from the outside." One could not help feeling that his reverence was mentally counting over what few of his lambs he might yet depend upon to give weight to his remarks with sticks and stones at our expense. He left it at that, however, as he well knew that the big man of the place was more than his match, and that all the town had turned "Protestants"—*pro tem*.

That night, as soon as the doors were opened, the big schoolhouse rapidly filled with over one hundred and fifty men and a few women, while an equal number perhaps failed to gain admission. Our singing was much appreciated. I spoke with liberty on the song of Zacharias.

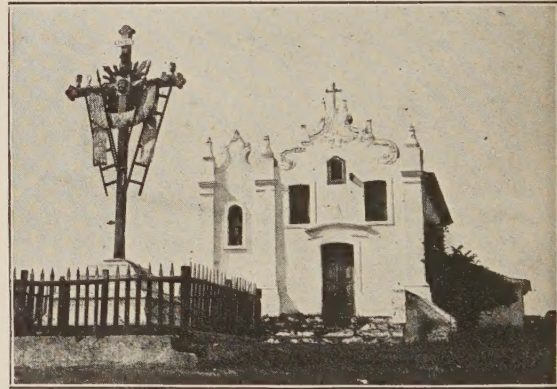
Next day everybody discussed the question at issue, and, judging by the visits we made among the people, the majority were on the side of truth. This was too much for the priest, who, finding me talking with the local chemist, drew a crowd after him and, entering the establishment, addressed me gruffly, without salutation or even looking me in the face, and thus he said, "I would have you to know, Senhor, that I am still vicar of this city." "I am well aware of that, Senhor Vigario," I replied. "I called on you yesterday." "But," said the priest, "it is my duty to demand an explanation of what you are doing here in my city."

Pretending to misunderstand him, in order to avoid public discussion, I replied, "Without doubt, Senhor Vigario, you have very good reason—excellent reason for your concern; but, so also have I in faithfully fulfilling my own duty in this place"; and turning to the chemist I quietly continued the conversation so rudely interrupted. This rather nonplussed the priest, who, after opening his mouth several times to speak, finally turned and left the place abruptly, and I saw him no more. During the day, so many people were anxious to hear the gospel, that the owner of the newly erected picture-palace offered it for our use, free of charge; and that night fully five hundred people crowded into the elegant little hall—a most inspiring sight.

I commenced the meeting with a kind of declaration of faith, which I prefaced by saying that we were not there to fight the local church or to speak ill of their priest; nor were we there to preach strange new doctrines, but

rather to call them back to the old-time religion of their fathers, and the doctrines of the holy Apostles. One by one I explained the chief articles of our belief with relation to the Triune God, to the Saints, including the Holy Virgin—with regard to whom I showed that we were more Catholic than the Roman Catholics themselves, as we sought to diligently obey her words—"Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." I spoke on the need of confession, on the meaning of grace, and thus lightly on many other points of the Catholic Apostolic Christian Church. I said there was no time for full discussion—the danger was real and the need too urgent—but rather to show them a way by which very simply, and there and then, they might find peace with God through the cross of Calvary.

Throughout I was listened to with intense and respectful attention. Then followed the



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lantern address with its vivid, telling pictures, which find a way through the eye-gate of some who might not otherwise understand. The whole meeting lasted about two hours.

During our stay in Princeza a number of Bibles, Testaments, and Travelers' Guides were sold, including two Bibles to the political chief, who is now an interested reader, not to say more.

An Apparent Defeat, But a Moral Triumph, at Triumpho

Leaving this most interesting place, we pushed on over terrible roads to the city of Triumpho, a center of idolatry, superstition, and their handmaid—crime. We found no entrance there, so continued our journey down about the worst mountain road in Brazil. Only God's mercy brought us through safely without disaster.

It was after dark, and we were very tired

when we arrived in the city of Flores (Flowers) and put up at a local hotel for the night, intending to pass the next day at a friendly farmer's house not far distant. I was lying half dressed and half asleep in my hammock, when I was suddenly aroused by the entrance of a score or so of well-dressed gentlemen ill discernible by the light of our candle. It was a deputation of all the chief men of the place,—the mayor, the public prosecutor, the judge, schoolmaster, commanding officer of forces operating against the bandits, and others,—all come to welcome us to the city and offer us every guarantee of protection we required. I tried to look as dignified as I could, standing stork-like with only one boot on and in my shirt sleeves. I thanked them, and they bowed themselves out. Again I turned into my hammock, when, lo, in came another deputation of the chief of the police, all profuse in friendly sentiments. A guard was mounted at our hotel all night, and early next morning from the barracks came a picket of five armed soldiers that the lieutenant had put at our disposal. All this was very surprising, and we decided to spend the day there. I visited all the city authorities to thank them for their good will, and arrange with the chief man of the place to hold a meeting in the townhall that evening, to everybody's satisfaction—the padre excepted. And he at once sent a rather disreputable-looking deputation of his own, commanding us not to preach, and pronouncing vague threats of what would happen if we did, all of which we calmly ignored.

That afternoon we had an interesting little talk to some twenty or thirty prisoners in the big jail, among whom we also sold two Bibles and five Testaments.

Meanwhile the priest had wrought himself up into a state of fury and launched deputation after deputation to all the authorities, demanding that our meeting should be prohibited and, as the chief man himself told me, fairly made all their heads ache with their noisy disputation; but all to no effect, and soldiers were told off to guard our meeting. The principal authority called on the priest to reason with him and to point out the illegality and danger of his attitude, but found him intractable and weeping with rage. He finally declared that, if we persisted in our intention, he would carry the "Sacred Host" into the middle of the meeting. Now, as this bit of consecrated bread is to these untaught folk just about what the Ark of the Covenant was to the Israelites of old, such an action could only have engendered terrible confusion and bloodshed. Rightly alarmed at the danger, the chief magistrate

and another high official shamefacedly requested us, as a favor to them, to desist from the meeting—which I eventually and regretfully decided was the right thing to do. The best people of the town were astonished and indignant at their priest; and that evening, seated in the front of the hotel, we had plenty of opportunity of proclaiming the truth to individual hearers. Early next morning we proceeded on our homeward way.

And thus the gospel warfare ebbs and flows in dark Brazil; but the flowing tide is with us, praise God! Certainly, now is God's accepted time for this vast land, and great things He has done and yet will do.

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Congratulations to the Missionary Education Movement

THROUGH its one hundred and eleven years of history the American Bible Society has seen many cooperative efforts of the churches rise and fall. The Society, therefore, congratulates all the more the achievements of the Missionary Education Movement in completing its twenty-fifth year of service.

But congratulations are not due to the Movement for endurance only or chiefly. It has already reaped the fruits of its earlier years, in which it was almost the sole agency for promoting the thorough education of Christians, and of young people especially, in the outreach and meaning of the missionary enterprise. Now nearly all of the larger denominations have secretaries or departments carrying on this promotion within the churches. The Movement has become a splendid federative agency, drawing together the leadership of seventeen denominations and serving all in the production of common textbooks and in the holding of summer conferences for stimulating and training local leaders for educational activity in behalf of missions.

If one reads the signs of the times aright, the Missionary Education Movement—always keen to progress in educational principles and methods—is drawing closer to the whole range of religious educational effort in which great changes are under way. May the influence of the Movement, as wielded directly by its members and officers and indirectly by its products, help to permeate all religious education with its ideals and convictions—which the American Bible Society so deeply shares—as to the fundamental missionary character of Christianity!

Memorial Minute

on

The Reverend Arthur Clayton Ryan, D.D.

THE Board of Managers, at its meeting on October 6, 1927, adopted the following memorial minute on the late General Secretary, Dr. Ryan:

The Reverend Arthur Clayton Ryan, D.D., was the twenty-third General Secretary in the service of the American Bible Society, from the organization of the Society throughout its one hundred and eleven years. The list of Secretaries, as published in the "Centennial History of the Society," brings out the fact that these officers have been men held in honor in their own communions as well as by the Society. Dr. Ryan was no exception in this respect.

He came to the Society first to take care of the oldest of the Foreign Agencies, operating in the Near East in the fields of the ancient Christian churches for centuries submerged by the Turk. He had gone out into this field as a missionary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,—one of the oldest of the missionary organizations of this country,—into a field which, in spite of its difficulties, was one of the most conspicuous of their missionary enterprises. Dr. Ryan had served so well in the various phases of the missionary work as it was affected by the war, in connection with the relief of refugees and Red Cross work, etc., that it was natural that he should be recommended by the officers of that board and their representatives in Constantinople as a suitable person to take up the task laid down by Dr. Marcellus Bowen at his death in 1916. One of the veteran missionaries in Constantinople, Dr. William W. Peet, universally known and honored in the Near East, heartily recommended him. The new Agency Secretary took hold of affairs with vigor, visited the various parts of his field, and made a careful study of its translations, its publishing problems, and the difficult questions connected with distribution, spending five very useful years in this service.

He came home on furlough, in the summer of 1924, to spend a year in this country in the visitation of the churches, in public services for the Society, and in rest and reinvigoration. He had not been at home many months before it was known at the Bible House that Mr. Frank H. Mann, the General Secretary chosen five years before, shortly after the retirement of the Reverend Doctor John Fox, felt under obligations that were compelling, to retire from the Society's service. The Board of Managers through its committees therefore requested Dr. Ryan to come to the Bible House and give a part of his furlough time to looking after the work of the Society at headquarters, so that Mr. Mann's retirement would not unduly disturb the program of the Society's work. Dr. Ryan willingly accepted this invitation of the Board, though it meant separation from the family, who were established in Chicago, the children being in school there, so that they could not well be moved to the East temporarily. He did not, at that time, nor did any one, for that matter, know that there was a possibility that he would be asked to take the General Secretaryship. He expected, as soon as the Society should choose a General Secretary, to complete his furlough and at the end of the year go back to his work in the Near East. A committee was appointed to select a General Secretary. In the carry-

ing forward of the duties assigned to him, Dr. Ryan so commended himself to the Board of Managers of the Society and its various committees, that after two or three months of fellowship together the committee unanimously suggested his name to the Board, and he was immediately elected.

The two years following until his death were years of noticeable but not unexpected growth, in his grasp of the details and affairs of the Society at headquarters and in his comprehension of the problems of the constituency of the Society in the United States. It was his task in particular to interest individuals, churches, communities, and all proper organizations in the support of the Society. He had the supervision of the annuity program, the publicity of the Society, and its relationships with church boards shaping the budgets of the denominations. He also came in touch with thousands of individuals who were invited to participate in the Society's program. A large department of advisors, secretaries, clerks, etc., were under his supervision. He gave himself unremittingly to the task, visiting all parts of the country, organizing group meetings, speaking in all sorts of churches and before various gatherings, and had won the esteem of a very wide circle of friends. The letters that have come to the Society since his death attest this. He seemed in the prime of life and full of an abounding vigor; and it was with astonishment that tidings were received of the swift and deadly effect of the pneumonia germ, which, after only a day or two of illness, caused his death on Wednesday, June 22, 1927, at his home in Scarsdale, New York.

Dr. Ryan was born in Grandview, Iowa, December 28, 1879, a graduate of Grinnell College in 1909, and Oberlin Theological Seminary in 1911. He married Miss Edith Hoover, December 25, 1907, and left also two children,—a daughter, Blanche, and a son, Alden. Dr. Ryan was an ordained minister in the Congregational Church.

The Society expresses in this minute its deep sense of loss in this trusted Secretary, and directs that this minute be placed upon its records and a copy sent to his family.

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In a fine tribute to the late Reverend Alexander White Pitzer, D.D., LL.D., his successor in the pastorate of the Central Presbyterian Church (U. S.), Washington, D. C., Dr. J. H. Taylor, has said that Dr. Pitzer "read the Scriptures with great enthusiasm, often reading a book of the Bible over and over again, that he might discover new truth"; he "was a constant reader of the Bible" and "taught the Scriptures with great power." Dr. Pitzer was president of the Washington City Auxiliary Bible Society for thirty-four years, and had the unusual record of fifty-nine years in pastoral relations with the Central Church, thirty-eight as its first pastor and twenty-one as pastor emeritus.



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Airmen and the Bible Again

FROM the East and from the West have come records of sweet thoughts concerning airmen, which we share with our readers. The hymn on this page is all the more significant because it comes from a girls' school in Egypt.

The incident pictured also on this page is explained by the following paragraph from our Pacific Agency Secretary, who had supplied each of the Dole Contest fliers with a Bible.

For the seven fliers lost at sea in the Dole Prize Contest, a great memorial service was held on the SS. Maui sailing from San Francisco, and again at sea when the boat was about 700 miles out.

The open Bible was the center of some 5,000 floral pieces, costing about \$100,000, contributed to this memorial service. The children of the public schools in the state of Michigan, where Miss Doran, one of the aviators lost, was a teacher, presented a great Bible floral piece. This was on a base of cork, that it might float the sea. It had an honored place at the pulpit for the Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant clergymen participating in the memorial service.

Mrs. Elder, it will be recalled, equipped her daring daughter, Ruth Elder, with a Bible, which this air woman announced she took on her recent effort to cross over the Atlantic.

Hymn for Airmen

By Mary Hicks

CREATOR of the earth and sky,

We know that thou art ever nigh
To guide with thy almighty hand
All travelers by sea or land.
Take also, Lord, beneath thy care
All those who travel through the air.

Thou dost preserve the birds which fly
So rapidly across the sky,
And insects, too, on airy wing;
Thou carest, Lord, for everything.
Then, bless, dear Lord, each airman's flight,
Whether it be by day or night.

Increase our faith, that we may know
That wheresoever we may go,—
By sea or land or in the air,—
That we are always in thy care.
So shall we travel without fear,
Knowing, dear Lord, that thou art near.

C. M. S. Girls' School
Menouf, Egypt

Amen.

Home Agency Secretaries in Conference

OPTIMISM was the prevailing note of the three-day conference of the Secretaries of the Home Agencies and of the State Bible Societies held at the Bible House in New York September 20th-22d. Report after report indicated that the circulation of the Scriptures for this year in the Home Agencies promised to be greater even than last year.

All of the Home Agency Secretaries, with the exception of the Rev. A. Wesley Mell, of the Pacific Agency, were present; as also were the executive officers of the Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Maryland, and Buffalo and Erie County Bible Societies, as well as the officers of the American Bible So-

ciety. Several of the members of the Board of Managers visited the conference during its sessions. President E. Francis Hyde welcomed the conference with a fine statement of the business in which it was engaged. Dr. James H. Hyatt was chosen as presiding officer. A feature of the first day's session were brief statements of the progress of the work in the Agencies and Societies. Could the many supporters of the Society have heard these statements, they would have praised the keenness and loyalty of this fine group of men, and the deep undercurrents of spiritual concern that were evident in all the discussions.

Under the leadership of Treasurer Darling-

ton, who is in charge of publication matters, a session was given to a review of the many forms in which the Scriptures are issued by the Society, with a view to comparing notes as to items no longer called for and editions required. There was much commendation of the new boldface minion series. Ways and Means matters, particularly plans for Universal Bible Sunday, were discussed under the leadership of Secretary Haven.

By appropriate resolution, as by many informal expressions of personal feeling, the members of the conference expressed their sorrow at the loss of Dr. Ryan.

Much of the time of the conference was given to the consideration of problems of distribution in the United States. Inadequate resources have been making the employment of colporteurs more and more difficult, though it was found that there are many regions and many constituencies which can only be reached by this method. It was brought out that there is

an increasing opportunity for local churches to undertake the responsibility for the distribution of the Bible to the needy in their communities as a part of their genuine spiritual ministry. Secretary McLaughlin reported that he had experimented extensively with this and found it most promising. The steady increase of distribution by mail is a marked feature in several Agencies. The value of "correspondents" as helpers in distribution was strongly emphasized.

To the great pleasure of the members of the conference, Dr. George H. Spencer, secretary of the Massachusetts Bible Society, conveyed the cordial invitation of that society to hold the next meeting of the conference in Boston. This was referred with appreciation to the Home Agencies' Committee.

By resolution, the members of the conference expressed their regret that in matters of home distribution they would no longer be directly related to Secretary Haven, but welcomed cordially the new cooperation of Secretary North.

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Notes and Comments

THE many friends of the Rev. Arthur H. Mellen, formerly Secretary of the Mexico Agency, will be interested to know that he has become an associate of Canon Chase, rector of Christ Church, Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

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IN anticipation of a fuller account of the jubilee of the Brazil Agency, which is promised for these columns by Secretary Tucker, we get a glimpse of what happened from the following paragraph of a recent letter:

On the 7th of September, Brazil's National Independence Day, and the fortieth anniversary of my connection with the Brazil Agency, in a large hall in the center of the city of Rio, we held a great meeting in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Brazil Agency. The chairman was a noted Brazilian Christian general; our American Ambassador, Mr. Morgan, sat on his right; I to the left; and a number of other ministers, missionaries, and native preachers were on the platform.

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SENATOR HIRAM BINGHAM, on his return from his trip to the Far East this summer, in acknowledgment of his election as a Vice-President of the American Bible Society, wrote:

I shall be very glad to accept this position out of affectionate regard for my father's work, and the institution which meant so much to him.

One of the romances of our Society and of

missions was the way in which his father and mother brought the knowledge of Christ and his teachings to the Gilbert Islands, first reducing their language to written form, and translating and printing the Scriptures for them. The high stand, and the outspoken words of Senator Bingham to Americans living on the islands of the Pacific, concerning the proper attitude toward their fellow citizens of other races, show that he is in harmony with the teachings of the Book which our Society exists to circulate.

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THE *Outlook* contained this paragraph recently:

Secondhand dealers report that the hardest book to buy secondhand is the Bible. The leading dealer of Chicago is quoted as saying that from 75 to 100 calls for secondhand Bibles come in during a week, and he can hardly keep a sufficient supply to meet the demand.

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A CLIPPING has come from the Nashville *Christian Advocate*, which carries a suggestion for others:

Goodwill Mission, 115 East Calhoun Avenue, Memphis, Rev. Otis G. Andrews, superintendent, has established fifteen wayside pulpits at hotels, restaurants and other public places in the vicinity of the mission. Due to the generosity of the American Bible Society, of Cincinnati, each pulpit has twenty free Bibles, which are being rapidly distributed in that section of Memphis.

A CONTRIBUTOR from Amsterdam, New York, who is also personally interested in distributing the Scriptures, tells of what one Bible accomplished:

Our Evangelical Church conducts a mission in Stinnett, Kentucky. In a barrel we sent was a Bible, which became the property of Mrs. D. H—. She thanked us for it. This was a little over a year ago. She started a Sunday school, which has an enrollment of forty-five and prospect for more.

Concerning a donation of Bibles for this Sunday school which the Society supplied, our correspondent wrote most joyfully herself, and quoted this paragraph from Mrs. H—:

As soon as people found I had Bibles and Testaments, they began coming and calling for them. I never knew there were so many families without Bibles in their homes. I am sure if you knew with what gladness they were received, you would feel amply repaid.

At the conference on "Family Life in America Today," held at the Hotel Statler, Buffalo, New York, in early October, Dr. Rufus M. Jones, of Haverford College, said among other things, when speaking of conditions in the present social life that were disturbing:

I for one, however, do not believe that human nature has become depraved. I see many signs of returning sanity, and I am confident that the native hunger of the human soul for God will reassert itself and bring social health and healing. The persons who are saying today they do not believe in God, only mean they do not believe in the kind of God they

IF THE BIBLE HAS MEANING AND
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The American Bible Society is your
agency for providing the Bible for your
neighbors both at home and abroad.

have heard preached about. It is significant that 8,000,000 copies of the New Testament were sold last year. Let the churches stop contentions over dead issues and petty questions, and turn all their energies to present-day constructive interpretation of a religion of life, and the fathers and mothers of little children will quickly show a new interest.

ENCOURAGEMENTS and hints are contained for the Bible Society and its friends in the following two letters:

Undersigned holds an endowment policy in the Prudential Insurance Co., which has ten years to run and the beneficiary of which recently died, and it is my desire to insert your Society as beneficiary in case of death. Please to advise at earliest date the legal name to place in policy.

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You will find three dollars inclosed. It is sent from a girls' class in my department in the Sunday school which I attend. From time to time I bring items before the department, gathered from the RECORD, and when this class wanted to give something extra for personal service, their teacher helped them decide for the Bible Society.

A Midyear Report

(Continued from the October issue)

By Earl A. Hoose, Sub-Agency Secretary, Peking, China

Itinerating during the Half Year

ONE inducement, when this position was offered the present incumbent, was the opportunity afforded for country travel, and the contacts with men in the active ministry. During the past months two long trips into the country have been taken.

The first was with the Presbyterians, during a week of special meetings, visiting several outstations. A good supply of Testaments and portions was taken along in the Dodge car and at those meetings during the three days of our visit everything carried along was sold. It was a pleasure to prove how good portions with a picture on the cover would sell on the streets. The Secretary started out, soon after arrival at one of the towns, with a bundle of portions under his arm, and sold so many that the workers crowded around the table to secure copies to sell.

A half dozen of us started down the street selling the books; while other workers stopped at intervals to sing hymns, give a brief message and advertise the evening and coming meetings. One missionary said to me, "I didn't know they sold like that." He later said, "Our fellows say they have never sold portions that way. They usually sell them in the church. The young fellows have tried selling on the street, but their line of talk is bad; and often they say, 'Who will waste a copper?' You will have a big year, as these fellows have learned to sell." An illustration of how the spirit of selling took hold of these men and women is apropos. When the Secretary left the group, returning to Peking, while the others went to a further station, a bundle of books was left by mistake. The next week, after the group had returned to the city, in telephoning the missionary, the Secretary asked for this bundle of

books, and whether it had been located or not. "Yes," said the missionary, "everything was sold. You started them selling, and they sold everything in hand, even those Testaments in the best binding you meant to bring back."

The second trip was with the Methodists. Dr. N. S. Hopkins and daughter were going to the city of his first labors—Tsunghwa. It had been our wish to make this trip; so we went with them, all traveling in the Society's Dodge car. It was a station formerly "occupied" by missionaries, but now under the supervision of the Chinese. Dr. Hopkins worked there for fifteen years before the Boxer uprising, being driven out that year. A day of driving over all kinds of roads, and through fields, brought us to our destination. Walls of foreign-style buildings could be seen standing, just as the Boxers had left them after they were burned. One of these has been rebuilt, and was the big new church which the venerable missionary of forty-one years had come to dedicate. A district meeting was in progress; so it was possible to see every pastor of this territory, talk with them regarding the distribution of portions, the need of a Bible-reading church, and to sell them Bibles and Testaments; also to acquaint them with ways of securing others. Some of these men had never dealt with the American Bible Society, many of them did not know it was possible to buy by post, and others knew nothing of our "special arrangement" plan for selling portions. So these days in Tsunghwa were profitable ones, as has been evidenced by the sending of some thirty-two cases of Gospel portions for the district during the past few months, and by the calls on us for Bibles from the pastors who are in the thick of their task of dispensing light where there is only darkness.

General Chang Chih-kiang

Although the large order for General Chang came to the Agency some months ago, he has not yet gotten these books all distributed. We are sending them out as he gives us addresses. I have kept in touch with the General during the past months, sending and receiving letters regularly from him, even in spite of strict censorship, and no mail has been stopped between us. He writes that he will be pleased when he is able to get these books into the hands of friends, doing the good they should be doing. Many more might have gone out had the post office been able to deliver to places designated for sending these books. With war and siege in many places it has not been possible for the post office to function, and the friends of General Chang seem to live in some of these places.

He has now given us instructions to send out copies of his books to anyone sending postage for same.

Circulation during the Half Year

Whereas formerly we did a large business through the local bookstores, the past months have passed without this business. This is due to two reasons: First, the removal of the Bible as a text from the schools; and, second, the unsettled political conditions, with the precarious financial condition of the schools, they being conducted only part of the time, or the staff threatening to strike owing to nonreceipt of salary. We have made sales of Testaments to the Y. M. C. A. upon two occasions, once for their work in the model prison, another time for their New Year's special campaign. The sales to them amounted to 650 copies.

The total number of books sold through correspondents has been 372 Bibles, 1,279 Testaments and 593,511 portions. Colporteurs have distributed 198,000 portions. We have sold over the counter at the depository 209 Bibles, 357 Testaments and 88 English and Chinese portions. This makes a total for the half-year of 581 Bibles, 1,636 New Testaments, and 615,616 portions. This is not a bad record when one considers the condition of the country, with its war, famines in some areas, and bandits in others.

The Outlook

No one dares prophesy as to the future. It is possible that we may be under Nationalistic rule in a few weeks—or it may be months. What we will then be able to do is the question. How our new building will fare is another question. Our committee is going on in faith. All have declared the only thing to do is to keep on. Thus we are standing by the stuff, in hope believing, trusting God for the future of our work in this territory. Many of the missionaries have had to leave their stations, obliged to quit owing to warfare or bandit activities. In most places the work is being carried on by the Chinese collaborators. However, our orders are decreasing in number as the weeks go by, partly owing to the advancing armies and partly owing to the missionaries going. Our records show, nevertheless, that there is still a demand for the Bible, and it will continue so long as there are folks seeking God and Life. We praise Him for the blessings on His work and this opportunity to serve Him. Our staff is hopeful and all well. May we have the faith that grows with the days. "My God shall supply all your needs" and "My Word shall not return unto me void" are daily promises.

BIBLE SOCIETY RECORDEDITORS *The Secretaries*

NEW YORK, NOVEMBER, 1927

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

INSTITUTED 1816

Bible House, Astor Place, New York

THE American Bible Society was instituted in 1816 with the sole object of encouraging wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment.

Its program is world-wide and includes the *translation* of the Scriptures into the languages and common dialects of the people; the *publication* of the Scriptures in styles suitable and convenient, and at the lowest possible cost; the *distribution* of the Scriptures throughout the world at cost or free, as a missionary program.

Membership in the Society consists of three classes, each with its special privileges: Annual Members, \$5; Life Members, \$50; and Life Directors, \$150.

The Society is supported by the gifts of its members and friends and by the contributions of Christian churches with which the Society has official or semi-official relations.

Full information about the privileges of Membership will be sent on application

OCTOBER MEETING OF THE BOARD

THE sixth stated meeting of the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society in its one hundred and twelfth year was held at the Bible House, Astor Place, New York, on Thursday, October 6, 1927, at 3:30 o'clock p. m., President E. Francis Hyde in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Charles A. McAlpine.

The minutes of the joint meeting of the General Reference and Finance Committees held in the absence of a quorum of the Board on September 1, 1927, were approved.

Record was made of the death of Mr. George Thornburgh, of Arkansas, a former Vice-President of the Society.

Prof. Roscoe C. E. Brown, Litt.D., on behalf of the committee appointed, read a memorial minute on the Rev. Arthur Clayton Ryan, D.D., late General Secretary of the Society. It was adopted by a rising vote and will be found on another page of this issue.

The following memorial minute on Lewis Duncan Mason, M.D., was adopted by a rising vote:

Lewis Duncan Mason, M.D.

In the death of Dr. Lewis Duncan Mason, the American Bible Society and the Bible cause have

lost one of their old and staunch supporters. Dr. Mason was a member of the Board of Managers from 1909 to 1917, and was particularly faithful in attendance at its meetings, continuing even after the impairment of his eyesight involved having a companion on his trip to the Bible House, and resigning only when physical disability prevented further active service. He not only gave his time and thought, but was also generous with his means, particularly in the work of the Brooklyn Bible Society. To this auxiliary of the American Bible Society he gave special attention and was long its president; for he was very eager that the Scriptures should be well distributed in his home city of Brooklyn.

Dr. Mason, who was eighty-four years of age at the time of his death on June 11, 1927, was the son of a doctor of note in Brooklyn, and made a name for himself in the study of the effects of the liquor and drug habits, and his treatment of thousands of these cases during his forty years of practice as a physician. He was also actively connected, through all these years, with the Spencer Memorial Presbyterian Church, of which he was an elder for forty years. It is to such lives that the Christian church and Christian causes are particularly indebted, and the Board of Managers records with grateful appreciation the esteem in which Dr. Mason was widely held.

The minutes of the various standing committees were presented and approved.

General Secretary Haven introduced to the Board the Rev. Charles A. McAlpine, who is assisting him in the Ways and Means Department, pending the election of a successor to General Secretary Ryan.

Report of progress was made on behalf of the special committee to nominate a General Secretary.

A letter was presented from Commandant Georges Bertrand, secretary of the Bible Society of France, gratefully accepting election as an Honorary Life Member of the American Bible Society.

A letter was presented from the Hon. Hiram Bingham, U. S. Senator from Connecticut, accepting election as a Vice-President of the Society.

It was decided that the appropriations for 1928 be considered at the meeting of the Board on December 1, 1927, and that the Advisory Council be invited to meet with the budget committee for the preparation of the budget prior to that date.

The Treasurer reported the following consignments to the Society's foreign Agencies during the month of September, 1927: Brazil, 106,188 volumes, valued at \$5,585.20; Caribbean, 2,148 volumes, valued at \$335.05; La Plata, 1,076 volumes, valued at \$772.34; Levant, 2 volumes, valued at \$1.45; Mexico, 10 volumes, valued at \$19.47; Upper Andes, 16 volumes, valued at \$7.80; West Indies, 2,335 volumes, valued at \$1,654.22; total volumes, 111,775; total value \$8,375.53.

The issues from the Bible House during the month of September were 351,493 volumes.

CASH RECEIPTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1927

LEGACIES

Cheever, Mary F., late of Manchester, Mass.	\$ 150 00
Cowdrey, Irene A., late of North Canaan, Conn.	2,000 00
Harcourt, Linda L., late of Albany, N. Y.	169 27
Houston, Churchill, late of Philadelphia, Pa.	101 47
Nicholson, Eliza V., late of Northfield, Mass.	5,000 00
Walker, Mary C., late of New York, N. Y.	785 00
	<u>\$8,205 74</u>

GIFTS SUBJECT TO LIFE INTEREST

Amount received during the month	\$22,350 00
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AUXILIARY SOCIETIES

Received on
Donation Book
Account Book

Bible Society of Maine	\$ 111 30	
Charleston, S. C.	78 53	
Chicago, Ill.	\$ 65 50	
Dutchess County Fe- male, N. Y.	375 00	6 97
Greene County, N. Y.	165 00	
Long Island, N. Y.	50 00	60
Nashville, Tenn.		18 60
New York		44 43
Ramsey County, Minn.		31
Salem Bible Ass'n, N. C.		15 79
Vermont	150 00	
	<u>\$276 53</u>	

Received on Dona- tion Account	805 50
	<u>\$1,082 03</u>

HOME AGENCIES

Atlantic	\$2,374 42
Central	1,300 23
Colored People of U.S.A.	1,204 68
Eastern	2,192 79
National Capital	240 82
Northwestern	2,966 10
Pacific	2,678 32
South Atlantic	2,247 05
Southwestern	2,002 81
Western	959 86
	<u>\$18,167 08</u>

From Home Agencies and Included in Home Agencies' Receipts

Donations from Auxiliary Bible Societies:	
Pennsylvania	\$273 75
Hunterdon County, N. J.	50 00
Gifts from Churches	150 18
Gifts from Individuals	202 03
	<u>\$625 96</u>

RETURNS FROM SCRIPTURES DONATED

Board of National Missions, Presbyterian Church	\$ 61 02
Lieut. Commander H. E. Rountree, United States Marine Corps	12 14
W. L. Smithies through Northwestern Agency	97
Washington City Bible So- ciety, D. C.	42 28
Rev. L. E. Wimbrow	1 00
	<u>\$117 41</u>

RECAPITULATION

Legacies	\$ 8,205 74
Gifts Subject to Life In- terest	22,350 00

Auxiliary Societies on Do- nation Account	\$ 805 50
Auxiliary Societies on Book Account	276 53
Home Agencies	18,167 08
Returns from Scriptures Donated	117 41
	<u>\$49,922 26</u>

MISCELLANEOUS

Alden Memorial Fund In- come	\$ 13 10
Alexander W. Ogg Legacy Annuity Department	188 64
Bible House Rentals	30,230 41
Bible Society Record	11,541 80
Blind Fund	12 00
J. Burr Legacy Income	1 31
Charlesanna Huston Fund Diffusion of Information Funds Received for Transmission	544 65
General Salaries and Ex- penses	825 00
Gifts for Distribution to the Blind from Individ- uals	1 00
Gifts from Churches	1,104 41
Gifts from Individuals	6 50
Income from Available Investments	190 25
Income from Legacies and Gifts, Trust Funds	5,929 42
Legacies Equalization Fund	10,679 04
Manufacturing Credits	671 86
Scriptures to the Blind	25,438 20
Special Annuity Income and Expense	1,025 62
The Trade	178 58
Trust Funds, Permanent	55 05
	<u>\$89,213 14</u>

Total Receipts \$139,135 40

CASH STATEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1927

GENERAL CASH STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

Balance from August, 1927	\$17,345 45
Gifts from Auxiliaries	805 50
Auxiliaries	276 53
Trade	215 43
Scriptures to the Blind	55 05
Manufacturing Credits	178 58
Annuity Account	22,350 00
Bible House Rentals	11,541 80
Gifts for Distribution to Blind	190 25
Gifts from Churches	5,929 42
Gifts from Individuals	10,679 04
Bible Society Record	12 00
Blind Fund	1 31
Charlesanna L. Huston Legacy Fund	825 00
Alden Memorial Fund Income	13 10
Ogg Legacy Income	188 64
Burr Legacy Income	544 65
Funds received for Transmission	1,104 41
Trust Funds Permanent—General Purpose	3 00
Legacy Equalization Fund	1,025 62
Home Agencies	18,167 08
General—Salaries and Expenses	6 50
Diffusion of Information	1 00
Income from Legacies and Gifts—Trust Funds	25,438 20
Annuity Department	30,230 41
Incomes from Available Investment	671 86
Legacies	8,205 74
Returns from Scriptures Donated	117 41
Special Annuity—Income and Expense	357 89
	<u>\$156,480 85</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Bills of Exchange	\$13,667 40
General Salaries and Expenses	7,373 39
Treasurer's Office—Salaries and Expenses	1,208 52
Bible House Expenses	4,562 42
Appeals	1,118 33
Diffusion of Information	1,745 94
Annuity Department	19,803 27
Bible Society Record	154 02
Real Estate	2,500 00
Cash reserved for Publication Department	24,654 13
Home Agencies	12,964 15
Foreign Agencies	3,412 29
Funds received for Transmission	1,049 81
United States Trust Co.—Annuity Account	31,917 76
Blind Fund	2 76
Miscellaneous Home	535 34
Miscellaneous Foreign	1,312 07
Church Budget Costs	578 96
Legacy Expenses	180 75
Library	223 95
Broadcasting	90 00
Income from Legacies and Gifts—Trust Funds	85 63
Legacies	130 00
Gifts from Individuals	9 00
Special Annuity—Income and Expense	225 39
Balance to October, 1927	26,975 57

\$156,480 85

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT CASH STATEMENT

Balance from August, 1927	\$30,932 62	Publication Department	\$43,739 87
Transferred from General Cash	24,654 13	Balance to	11,846 88
	<u>\$55,586 75</u>		<u>\$55,586 75</u>

Total Cash Balance \$38,822 45

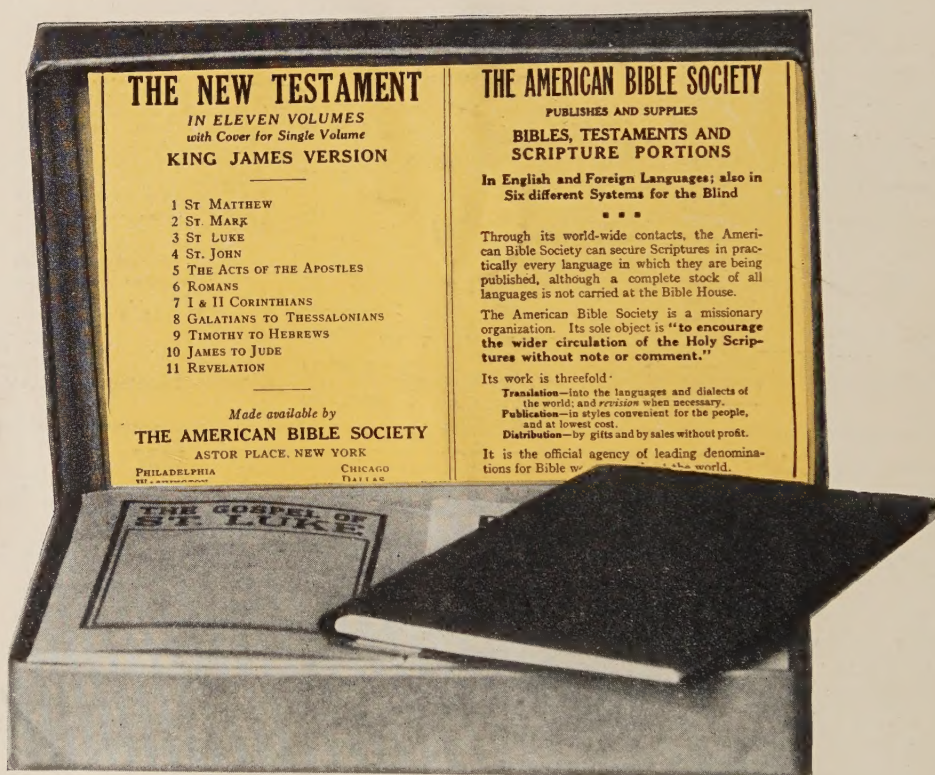
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